

Kennebunkport Fire Department

SOG 4

BLOCKING OF ROADS AND HIGHWAYS

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The officer in charge of a fire or emergency situation has the legal right to block any road or highway providing that one or more of the following conditions exist:

- A. Fire hose is laid in the road.
- B. Apparatus is forced to be parked in such a manner that regular traffic would be unable to get through.
- C. A hazardous condition exist where there is a danger of either explosion or toxic fumes..
- D. Passage of civilian vehicles would hamper fire fighting activities. (narrow roads)

The blocking of roads shall only be done when absolutely necessary. The actual blocking of the road or highway should, when possible, be conducted by a police agency. If the police are unable to perform the required function or are unwilling to do so and conditions warrant the closure, then fire personnel may be dispatched to the points of closure required, to do so.

All roads are to be reopened as soon as possible.

When closing a road or a portion thereof, the town dispatch, shall be immediately made aware of the area being closed.